

**CITY OF TUCSON SMALL BUSINESS COMMISSION (SBC)
MINUTES OF THURSDAY, APRIL 28, 2005**

Mayor and Council Chambers
255 West Alameda, 1st Floor
Tucson, Arizona 85701

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Deb Turner at 4:07 p.m.

Members in attendance: Deb Turner, Chair; Richard Krone, Vice-Chair; Britton Dornquast; Chuck Josephson; Jan Gordley; Don Windmiller; Leonard Gulotta; Joe Higgins; Joanna Dinan; Diane Castro

Members absent: Kendall Morgan; Eddie Escalante; Eva Macias

Guests: Ernie Duarte, Development Services Director; Jesse Sanders, Development Services; Walter Tellez, Zoning Administrator; Assistant Chief John Leavitt, Tucson Police Department; Officer Jen Howell, Tucson Police Department; Lorraine Hernandez, Ward II Council Aide; Joe Ladenburg, Finance Department; Ries Lindley, Tucson Water; Caroline Cowan, Tucson Water

City Staff: Ellen Hitchings, Finance Department; Kathy Maish, Finance Department

APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 24, 2005 MINUTES

Unanimously approved.

CHAIRPERSON REPORT

- Pamela Crim sold Dakotacom.net and has resigned leaving a vacancy in Ward III
- 2 Vacancies: Opening in Ward III and Mayor's Office
- Pima County SBC Minutes (March 17, 2005) distributed
- May meeting rescheduled to May 19, 2005
- New roster being developed and will be handed out at a later date
- Updates by TREO, Inc and Retail Redevelopment Policy won't be on the agenda every month, only when they have something to report
- Small Business Week Moved to June (in search of nominations for Business Awards)

FALSE ALARM TASK FORCE UPDATE

Assistant Chief John Leavitt and Officer Jen Howell, Tucson Police Department, used a PowerPoint presentation to show improvements to TPD response to real alarms as a result of the new policy. TPD will dispatch an officer to every alarm if the owner indicates that a responsible party will be present. Assistant Chief Leavitt stressed the importance of maintaining your alarm system, keeping contact lists up-to-date, and having an alarm company that knows the proper procedures to follow to work with TPD.

PEDDLERS ORDINANCE

Walter Tellez, Zoning Administrator, gave an update on the new Peddlers Ordinance adopted September 2004, effective April 4, 2005. The six-month delay was to allow for an education program. 91 peddler locations have been approved; 45 locations were denied due to proximity to neighborhoods. 33 peddlers have applied for their locations, and more information is needed. Architects are not required to draw site plans. TPD has been helping to make sure the businesses are closing at 11:00 p.m., which was the major complaint from the neighbors.

SBC REPRESENTATION ON THE TREO SMALL BUSINESS ADVISORY COUNCIL

Joe Higgins was nominated and appointed as SBC Representative. Motion made to nominate Mr. Higgins, duly seconded, and carried by unanimous vote.

SELECTION OF THE NOMINATION COMMITTEE

Chuck Josephson will be the lead; Diane Castro and Joe Higgins volunteered. Need a list of terms, when they are up and how long they will serve. Meetings of the Nomination Committee are subject to open meeting law.

BUSINESS LICENSE TAX AND FEES

Ellen Hitchings, Finance Department, gave an update of the Business License Procedures Task Force. We are currently working on a draft memorandum to the Mayor and Council. We will present the draft to the Economic Development Subcommittee prior to presenting the recommendation to the Mayor and Council on August 2, 2005. Chuck Josephson's goal is to have an annual licensing fee that is as low as possible, preferably lower than any annual fee charged in other Arizona cities. Secondly, those now paying fees will, if at all possible, have a reduction of the fees they are currently paying. The ideas have been run by the City Attorney's Office. Funding for a new software system has been cut. This may have an impact on the City's ability to implement the Task Force recommendations. Submit, to Chuck Josephson, any inequities that you are aware of that should be discussed and addressed now.

SIGN CODE/A-FRAME ORDINANCE

Joe Higgins gave an update. Public meeting will be held on Monday night, May 2nd. Chuck Josephson would like to have the term "public right of way" defined.

CALL TO THE AUDIENCE

Ries Lindley and Carolyn Cowan, Tucson Water, spoke about the \$142 million water bond election on May 17, 2005. If the bond election passes, Tucson Water expects a 1% increase in overall revenues in the 1st year of issue and a 1% increase each year for 5 years until all the bonds are spent.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

By-laws and resolution after TREO
University of Arizona Small Business Advisory Committee
Palo Verde/Dodge Construction – Impact on Small Business
Mike Hein, New City Manager
Nominations Committee Update
Micro Business Advancement Center Presentation
City of Tucson – Business Cards for Small Business Commission members
Small Business Commission Newsletter
Recycling Program for Business Community
Issues for Small Businesses to be taken to TREO, Inc.
I-10 Issues as it relates to the small business

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 6:03 p.m.